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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Nothing much depends on the length and breadth of the weapon; it depends on many other factors. It is not possible to lay down rules in this respect. We have to give discretion to the local officials."

Forest Grievances Enquiry Committee.

* 584 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state— 9-40 a.m.

(*a*) whether a Committee called "The Forest Grievances Enquiry Committee" was constituted by order of the Government, dated 10th April 1950, to investigate the problems relating to the Malnad areas and to suggest measures required to solve them;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to publish the report, if any, submitted by the Committee; and

(*c*) what action the Government propose to take on the recommendations contained therein?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The report is voluminous and the Government have taken steps thereon and do not consider it necessary to print it.

" (*c*) Please refer to my answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of the Starred Assembly Question No. 583."

SRI K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA :—" In view of the criticism that the economic potential of Malnad has not been adequately tapped and that because of the remoteness of the seat of administration, Malnad does not receive the attention of Government in respect of ordinary amenities in spite of the fact that it is a surplus tract in the matter of public revenue and expenditure, will the Government consider the desirability of constituting a Malnad Development Board to give special attention to the backward conditions existing in the Malnad area? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Government will consider the matter very carefully and sympathetically also, Sir."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Will the report of the Forest Committee be placed on the table of this House for the perusal of hon. Members? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I said that the report is very voluminous. I wonder how it can be placed on the table of the House, either manuscript or typescript. I will see what can be done. Hon. Members will have every facility to go through it."